

WASHINGTON “ Congressman John W. Olver (D - 1st District) joined his colleagues today in u

The following is Congressman Olver°s official statement regarding military options and the situ

œThe NATO mission must stop the ethnic cleansing, the rape, the slaughter that make up the

œWhile the goal of the United States and our NATO partners is to disable Milosevic°s military

œTherefore, NATO cannot rule out whatever option is necessary to achieve that objective.

œThe Milosevic regime is directly the cause of the humanitarian catastrophe in the former Yug

œDuring his attacks on those two members of the United Nations, his forces œethnically clean

œNATO did nothing for four years until all the men and boys -- 8,000 -- were systematically sla

œNow, it is 1999 and we are talking about Kosova.

œAs of the last official report on April 9th, 1999, Serb war crimes in Kosova “ including the sum

œNATO must continually reevaluate this situation, and plan to carry out whatever military oper

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The Honorable William J. Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the crisis in Kosova mounts and the number of refugees and victims of Slobodan

We further ask that you take all appropriate operational measures to fully prepare the United S

Mr. President, we appreciate your consideration and resolve, and join you in expressing our gr

Sincerely,

Minority Whip Rep. David Bonior, D-MI  
Rep. Peter King, R-NY  
Rep. Eliot Engel, D-NY  
Rep. Joseph Crowley, D-NY  
Rep. Steny H. Hoyer, D-MD  
Rep. Gary L. Ackerman, D-NY  
Rep. Marty Meehan, D-MA  
Rep. John Lewis, D-GA  
Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-TX  
Rep. John W. Olver, D-MA  
Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-NV  
Rep. Dennis Moore, D-KS  
Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-NY

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Rep. Major R. Owens, D-NY  
Rep. Joseph Hoeffel, D-PA

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